

MOLINEUX'S NEW YEAR IN PRISON.

Completes Third Year of His Imprisonment for Murder.

WAITS FOR NEW TRIAL.

Young Prisoner Is Cheerful in Spite of His Troubles.

Roland B. Molineux yesterday completed his third year of imprisonment. If Molineux is innocent of the murder of Mrs. Kate Adams and by law every man is considered innocent until he has been proven guilty—try to imagine what this has meant to him!

Shut up in a cell for 1000 days. Deprived of the society of his wife, his father, his mother and all who are dear to him. Having for his associates only convicted murderers or men awaiting trial on the capital offense. Unable to speak in private with any one except his counsel or to write to any one without having his letters read by prison functionaries. Cut off from freedom, from outdoor air, from sunshine—short, in short, for three long, weary years of everything that makes life worth living.

Sitting for fifty-seven days in a courtroom nervously awaiting the outcome of his trial. And finally, with the shadow of death upon him, spending 98 days in the death-house at Sing Sing with no one to speak to, absolutely alone, without seeing any one of that time whether the next morning the Warden brought him would send him irrevocably to the electric chair or give him another chance for life—a new trial.

If Molineux be guilty, what he has passed through must mean almost as much to him.

Silent and Brooding.

Innocent or guilty, the last three years have been terrible ones for Molineux. It is no wonder that he failed to celebrate the third anniversary of his incarceration yesterday. All day long he sat in his cell—cell No. 36, on the east side tier in the Tombs—silent and thoughtful. He spoke few words to his keepers and received no callers. He was pre-occupied—thinking.

A brief resume of the case will, perhaps, better than anything else, give one an idea of what this man has been through.

On Dec. 28, 1908, Mrs. Katherine J. Adams died from poisoning at her home, No. 61 West Eighty-sixth street. Harry B. Cornish, then a prominent member of the Knickerbocker Athletic Club, had given her a dose of medicine from a bottle labeled bromo-seltzer, which had been sent to him through the mail. Analysis proved that the bottle contained poison. Suspicion directed itself to Molineux. He had had trouble with Cornish.

On Feb. 27, 1900, Molineux, protesting his innocence, was arrested and placed in the Tombs. He remained there, charged with murder, until March 14 of that year, when his trial began before Recorder Goff.

The trial lasted for fifty-seven days, at the end of which time the jury returned a verdict of "guilty." On Feb. 15, 1900, within ten days of a year from the time he was first arrested, Recorder Goff sentenced Molineux to death in the electric chair. The prisoner, taken to Sing Sing on the same day and placed in the notorious "death house."

There he had to sit in solitary confinement, locked in his cell, his food passed to him, with no chance of exercise, hoping that the word that his lawyers had obtained a stay would reach him.

Stay Is Secured.

The word finally came, and with it came another long period of terrible anxiety for Molineux as to when the appeal would be argued and how the Court of Appeals would decide. Finally last summer, the case was argued in Buffalo, ex-Gov. Hill appearing as special counsel for the prosecution.

On Oct. 15, last, after Molineux had sat for twenty months and one day in his solitary cell at Sing Sing, the Court handed down a decision reversing the decision of the trial court, on the ground that evidence relating to Harriet, another Knickerbocker Athletic Club man, who died shortly prior to Mrs. Adams, and whose death it was afterward learned was due to the same kind of poison as that sent to Cornish, was inadmissible.

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Senators of Columbia University students are wondering to-day what punishment is to be meted out to them by the faculty for being recognized by janitors while they were snowbaling several of the professors on the campus.

M'COY KNOCKED OUT.

Persistent raiding by Capt. McClosky's policemen has caused the management of the sabbon and dance hall of "Kid McCoy," at No. 191 East One Hundred and Twenty-fifth street, which was run by Homer Selby, a brother of the pugilist.

POLICE WANT CASH.

Keely policemen in Greater New York is utterly protesting against the plan introduced by Comptroller Goff to pay them by check instead of with cash as formerly.

REV. JENKINS CALLED.

The Immortal Congregational Church, in Decatur street, Brooklyn, has called the Rev. J. A. Jenkins, of Zanesville, O., to fill the pastorate.

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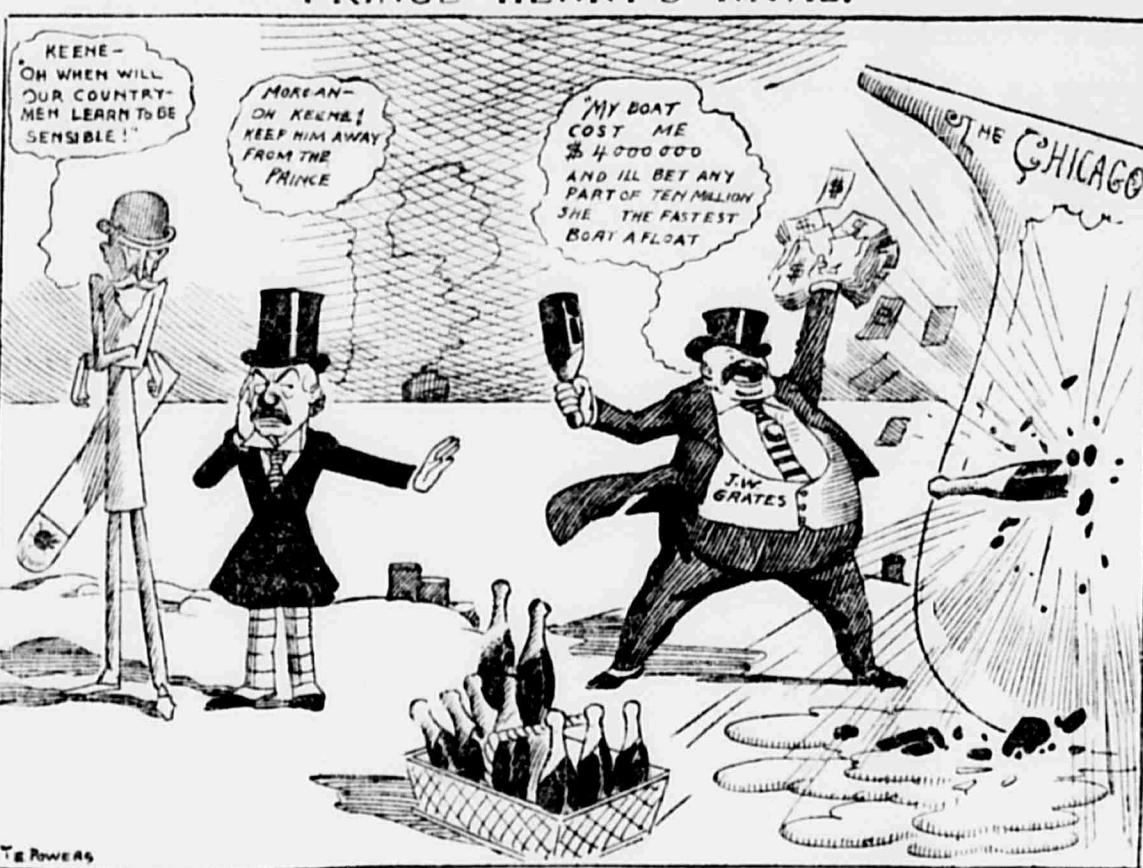
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NEW PRIMARY BILL.

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BROOKLYN FASTIDIOUS.

ALBANY, Feb. 28.—Senator McCabe has introduced a bill to provide that beginning Jan. 1, 1912, none but double-decked ferry-boats be allowed to ply between Whitehall street, Manhattan, and Atlantic and Hamilton avenues, Brooklyn.

VOTERS' LISTS EARLY.

ALBANY, Feb. 28.—Senator Marshall offered an amendment to the primary law calling for a publication thirty days before a primary election of the list of eligible voters in all districts of New York City.

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